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	COMPREHENSIVE LITIGATION	)
	EARLY WARNING SYSTEM	)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment in the above-referenced application prior to examination:

IN THE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

At page 2, line 9, delete "said gathered data" and substitute --the gathered data--.

At page 2, line 25, delete "said issue" and substitute --the issue--.

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

At page 4, line 14, delete reference numeral "18" and substitute reference numeral --14--.

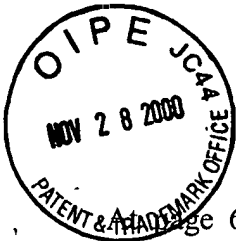At page 5, line 30, delete reference numeral "70" and substitute reference numeral --10--.

At page 6, line 5, delete "Ye" and substitute --Yes--.

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At page 6, lines 18-19, delete "This includes: receiving the complaint; gathering information; assign and manage outside counsel and resolve dispute 82" and substitute --This includes: receiving the complaint, gathering information, assigning and managing outside counsel and resolving the dispute 92--.

At page 7, line 7, delete reference numeral "60" and substitute reference numeral --48--.

At page 7, lines 8-27, delete "The present invention can be embodied in the form of computer-implemented processes and apparatuses for practicing those processes. The present invention can also be embodied in the form of computer program code containing instructions embodied in tangible media, such as floppy diskettes, CD-ROMs, hard drives, or any other computer-readable storage medium, wherein, when the computer program code is loaded into and executed by a computer, the computer becomes an apparatus for practicing the invention. The computers used in the Litigation Early Warning System may be included in a computer network that includes a plurality of servers for accessing a plurality of network sites containing various types of content, which can be viewed and listened to as appropriate, and downloaded when desired, and that includes a plurality of client systems connected to a server for purposes of browsing the network sites.

The present invention can also be embodied in the form of computer program code, for example, whether stored in a storage medium, loaded into and/or executed by a computer, or transmitted over some transmission medium, such as over electrical wiring or cabling, through fiber optics, or via electromagnetic radiation, wherein, when the computer program code is loaded into and executed by a computer, the computer becomes an apparatus for practicing the invention. When implemented on a general-purpose microprocessor, the computer program code segments configure the microprocessor to create specific logic circuits."

At page 8, lines 4-6, delete "This may include the Internet or an intranet search for Input item 14 (as discussed above and shown in Figure 1) from suppliers of data listed under Supplier 12 (as discussed above and shown in Figure 1)" and substitute --This may include